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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
MASAHIDE HIRASAWA  
Appln. No.: 09/348,500  
Filed: July 7, 1999  
For: IMAGE PICKUP CONTROL  
APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP  
CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE  
PICKUP CONTROL SYSTEM, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM )  
Examiner: Brian C. Genco  
Group Art Unit: 2615  
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application (JP-A) Nos. 4-4679, 7-135627, 7-44291, and 8-335102 were cited in the prosecution of the Japanese patent application corresponding to the subject application, namely Japanese Patent Application No. 10-210261. Applicant respectfully submits that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,903,700, 5,887,193, and 5,999,213 are U.S. patents respectively corresponding to the

latter three of the Japanese documents. Abstracts for each of the Japanese documents were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed.

Applicant wishes to direct the Examiner's attention in particular to a portion of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-4679, namely the description from line 16 of the lower left-hand column on page 3 to line 10 of the upper left-hand column on page 4. A translation of that portion is also enclosed together with a translation of Fig. 4.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>5,903,700</b>	<b>5/11/1999</b>	<b>Fukushima</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>46</b>	
	<b>5,887,193</b>	<b>3/23/1999</b>	<b>Takahashi, et al.</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>828</b>	
	<b>5,999,213</b>	<b>12/07/1999</b>	<b>Tsushima, et al.</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>180</b>	

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	<b>7-135627</b>	<b>5/23/1995</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>7-44291</b>	<b>2/14/1995</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>8-335102</b>	<b>12/17/1996</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>4-4679</b>	<b>1/09/1992</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

**Partial translation of JP-A-4-4679**

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